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community news *in brief*

‘Discover NASA: From Our Town to Outer Space’ Exhibit Opens October 14 at the Louisville Library **Hands-on Exhibit Will Be Enriched with Special Programs**

LOUISVILLE, CO — October 6, 2015 — The Louisville Public Library will soon be the first stop for the traveling exhibition, which explores NASA’s priorities for the future. During its 3-month stay, the Library will also offer related STEM programming focused on the exhibit’s six key NASA areas: Human Exploration, Earth Science, Mars Exploration, Solar System and Beyond, Aeronautics, and Technology.



The Rapidly Changing Arctic: What We Know and How We Know It
presented by Waleed Abdalati, Director, Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) at CU and formerly a scientist with NASA
Saturday, October 24, 2-3pm

Introduction to 3D Printing and NASA
Sunday, October 25, 2-3:30pm

NASA’s Earth Observations of the Global Environment: Our Changing Planet and the View from Space
presented by Michael King, Laboratory for Atmospheric & Space Physics at CU, and formerly with NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Monday, November 2, 7-8pm

Solar Scopes
presented by Longmont Astronomical Society
Saturday, November 7, 10am-12pm

Getting young people interested in science and technology can be a challenge, but Discover NASA strives to make it fun. The exhibit includes stunning imagery, hands-on activities, and multimedia experiences such as a near real-time kiosk called Eyes on Exoplanets; an immersive experience of astronauts living onboard the International Space Station; a touch table interactive where users can build their own solar systems; two large, touchable meteorite samples; a wind tunnel interactive; and many more engaging activities.

“We are proud that the Louisville Public Library was selected to be one of seven sites nationwide to host the Discover NASA exhibit,” said Louisville’s Director of Library and Museum Services Beth Barrett. We think people of all ages and backgrounds will find the exhibition engaging and fun. It will present NASA’s inspirational and important mission in a way that is understandable, inspirational, and relevant. As with the other ‘Discover’ exhibits we have hosted, we are expecting Discover NASA to be a huge success in our community.

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